

Newton Telephone Tap

OAKLAND, Calif.—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered a tap on the telephone of Black Panther leader Huey P. Newton from November, 1970, to July, 1972, an Alameda County prosecutor said.

The information was brought out during pretrial arguments before Oakland Municipal Judge Courtland Arne in connection with Newton's pending murder and assault trial.

A letter from Hoover to Thomas Cahill, then head of security for Pacific Telephone, asking for the tap on Newton's Oakland apartment, was made part of the court record.

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